

# 2023 Annual Report



**ADVANCING  
MACOMB**



## MISSION

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Strengthen Macomb County by connecting community challenges with high-impact solutions.

## VISION

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Macomb County is a thriving, collaborative and philanthropic community.

*Advancing Macomb is a conduit, convener and advocate for the enhancement of our communities.*

## VALUES

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### TRUST

We strive to become a pillar of integrity, reliability and fairness both through internal operations and external support.

### LEADERSHIP

We reflect our collective assets of business and leadership skills to the advancement of our communities.

### EQUITY

We believe that disparities in our communities can be resolved by prioritizing support to organizations that face barriers to success, empower diverse community leaders and create an inclusive environment.

### COLLABORATION

We actively work to break down silos and find innovative solutions to leverage organizational strengths and overcome weaknesses.

# CORPORATE SPONSORS



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RALPH C. WILSON, JR.  
FOUNDATION

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FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



**DTE**  
Foundation

**MICHIGAN HEALTH**  
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## LEADERSHIP

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### STAFF

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**ANGELA LENDA**, Program Manager  
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# LEADERSHIP

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# 2023 IMPACT

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Throughout 2023, Advancing Macomb continued its work of convening resources to solve community challenges and enrich the lives of Macomb County residents. Advancing Macomb gained significant momentum this year with the leadership and support of our board members, community leaders, sponsors and donors. The following are key highlights.

## **LAUNCHED THE INAUGURAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT**

Advancing Macomb launched the inaugural Community Engagement Summit at Macomb Community College as part of a broader initiative to strengthen Macomb County communities. This kick-off event served two purposes:

- To inspire investment in emotionally engaging citizen-led projects that enhance the county and region's quality of life and economic vitality.
- To launch a broader plan for Advancing Macomb leadership to work with Macomb County cities and townships to bring community-building ideas to life.



## **GREW THE ADVANCING MACOMB NONPROFIT ROUNDTABLE**

Advancing Macomb successfully grew the Nonprofit Roundtable, a monthly forum that enables nonprofit leaders to seek and provide feedback, brainstorm solutions, learn new strategies and identify collaboration areas. The Nonprofit Roundtable has grown from 20 to 80 organizations strong and continues to expand.



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## **CELEBRATED A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR OF BREAKING BARRIERS TO PLAY**

Advancing Macomb celebrated a successful first year of Breaking Barriers to Play. This program levels the playing field and makes recreation accessible and affordable to youth and families in underserved communities in Macomb County. Nearly 600 kids have participated in camps and leagues provided by Breaking Barriers to Play.



## **CONTINUED THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY HUB REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

As a result of a HUD grant secured in 2022, Advancing Macomb continued its work with the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan for capital improvements to a building in Eastpointe and with the City of Mount Clemens for capital improvements to the Cairns Community Center.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN



## **SECURED A \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM THE RALPH C. WILSON JR. FOUNDATION**

Advancing Macomb partnered with the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Department's Land and Water Resources Group to secure a \$1 million grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. The grant will be added to other funding to build a pedestrian bridge over the Clinton River spillway in Harrison Township. The estimated cost for this project is \$3.5 million. The county government would not have been able to access these funds without the partnership of a 501c3.



## LOOKING AHEAD

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Our work throughout 2023 reflected the importance of collaboration and partnership to solve community challenges. With the continued support of our community partners, we are confident that we will expand our reach in 2024. We will continue to seek new opportunities to enrich the lives of Macomb County residents and create a thriving environment to live, learn, recreate and innovate.

This is an inspiring time for all of us at Advancing Macomb as we continue the great work of 2023 and embark on new initiatives in support of our 2024 priorities – to improve the quality of life and economic vitality in Macomb County, to advocate for solutions to community challenges, and to ignite a culture of philanthropy in Macomb County.

Lofty goals, indeed. But with the support of our board, community partners, and supporters, we can get it done.

Together, we are advancing Macomb County.





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